

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing an electronic file for intellectual property applications, comprising:  
    authenticating a user with a patent office computer;  
    receiving electronic file wrapper information from a patent office computer; and  
    generating a single electronic document for an entry in the electronic file wrapper information, the document having all images for the entry consolidated therein.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said document is a portable document format (PDF) document.
3. The method of claim 1, comprising generating a text-searchable PDF document containing all images for the entry.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic file wrapper information includes a plurality of entries each having a mail-room date and a document description, comprising generating a single electronic document for each entry in the electronic file wrapper information.
5. The method of claim 1, comprising downloading each image for an entry.
6. The method of claim 1, comprising downloading a compressed file having all images for the entry.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic file includes a folder containing at least one file for each entry, comprising periodically updating folder content with one or more new entries from the patent office electronic file wrapper information.
8. The method of claim 1, comprising generating a single electronic document for each new entry in the electronic file wrapper information, the document having all images for the entry consolidated therein.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic file wrapper information includes a plurality of entries each having a mail-room date and a document description, comprising providing docketing information based on the mail-room date.

10. The method of claim 9, comprising generating a docket entry for one or more of the following: Information Disclosure Statement filing, foreign filing, Office Action response, response to missing part, notice of appeal, appeal brief, reply to response to appeal brief, notice of allowance, and annuity payment.

12. The method of claim 9, comprising generating a docketing message to a recipient.

13. The method of claim 12, comprising coding the docketing message to indicate the degree of urgency of the docketing message.

14. The method of claim 1, comprising automatically generating and automatically filing one or more electronic documents with the patent office computer.

15. The method of claim 11, wherein the electronic documents include one or more of the following: utility patent applications, Provisional applications, Biosequence listings for applications previously filed in paper, Pre-grant publication resubmissions for previously filed applications, where the applicant wants an amended, redacted, voluntary, or republication specification to be published rather than the application as originally filed, Subsequent bio-sequence submissions, Multiple assignments, Electronic Information Disclosure Statements (eIDS), Design applications, New plant applications, Corrected or revised patent application republications, Reissue applications, International Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) applications, and Reexamination requests.

16. The method of claim 1, comprising displaying the electronic document in a tri-fold format.

17. The method of claim 1, comprising saving user annotation in the document.
18. The method of claim 1, comprising  
    searching one or more remote databases for one or more relevant intellectual properties (IPs); and  
    performing a network analysis on the relevant IPs.
19. A method for providing an electronic file for intellectual property (IP) applications, comprising:  
    searching one or more databases for one or more relevant IPs;  
    performing a network analysis on the relevant IPs; and  
    determining IPs required to provide freedom to operate.
20. The method of claim 19, comprising acquiring the least number of IPs to provide freedom to operate.
21. The method of claim 19, comprising:  
    receiving electronic file wrapper information from a patent office computer; and  
    generating a single electronic document for an entry in the electronic file wrapper information, the document having all images for the entry consolidated therein.
22. A method to retrieve intellectual property documents, comprising:  
    receiving an assignee name in lieu of a patent number, published application number or application serial number; and  
    retrieving copies of all patents and published patent applications matching the assignee name.
23. A method to retrieve intellectual property documents, comprising:  
    receiving an application serial number conforming to a format aa/bbbbbbb;  
    retrieving a published patent application matching the bbbbbbb; and

generating a single electronic document having all pages of the patent application consolidated therein.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein the retrieving locates a plurality of matching patent applications, further comprising selecting the patent application whose Series Code matches aa.